

# DRAMATIC AND LYRIC

The Opera of Fatinitza by the Amateurs.

GILMORE AND HIS GREAT BAND

Last Night at the Theatre—Miss Eastlake Comes to Grief—Latest Amusement Notes.

HEERA OF AMATEUR opera has come around once more.

Some of the brightest entertainments Salt Lake has ever witnessed have been the opera representations by her own singers under the direction of Stephens, Careless and Krouse.

Recently a number of our leading musical and dramatic amateurs got their heads together and cast the opera of "Fatinitza."

The cast is not completed, but as far as made up it stands as follows:

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Sylvia.....Miss Mary E. Smith  
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Bill Nye's "Cadi" still runs along smoothly in New York. Bill was recently interviewed by a New York *Herald* reporter, and he took occasion to say:

"Much criticism has been offered by the critics of this city, and those of Europe also, because it is claimed that the watermelon in the third act of the 'Cadi' was not real. I know this is true, and as soon as it was learned that the watermelon was real, our colored quartet gave notice that they would quit at the end of two weeks, but we held over this wound, at least."

"Now the critics, especially the one who hurled for realism, is claiming in a more unjust and injurious manner because the watermelon is paper mache. My intent at first was, of course, to have, and we did have, a real watermelon. The manager said to me, 'What are you going to do when the watermelon season is over?' I have taken care of that by writing a play about it."

"However, it is an American melon. It is not adapted from the French. It is not cribbed from any other author. It is our own."

"The play, of course, has its weak points, but they are less and less obvious as it comes on night after night. Over one hundred changes have been made, all of which have been beneficial. There is, however, no misery in it. It is definitely in the line of comedy, and no illegitimate children of French extraction are introduced. We also have no leg effects, which, of course, has called out a bitter criticism on the part of my paid and near-sighted confederates, but I said on the start that I would have a moral play or bust."

The week ending with Cyrene's performance and the first three days of the new week commencing Thursday have been highly gratifying to patrons of the house and to the management of Wonderland.

The coming of Princess Fedora, the world famous snake charmer, is a novel and interesting feature. This fearless woman handles the largest and most venomous reptiles with as much composure as one would handle a pet cat.

Capitula, the eminent French illusionist, has arranged two more of his famous dissolving illusions, both of which are entirely unsolvable and as mystifying as their predecessors. The Misters, Morrow brothers do a creditable and interesting character act, song and dance musical melange. Miss Hamilton, a musician of considerable note who has served in various leading roles in the country, executes a difficult cornet solo. Leavitt, the juggler, acrobat and juggler, does an exceedingly good turn, and there is singing and dancing galore. All said, it is a capital show.

One of the most important attractions which will be seen during the season is David Henderson's American Extravaganza company in the grand spectacular production of "Sinbad, or The Maid of Hailora," which ran for fourteen weeks to enormous business at the Chicago opera house during the past summer. The American Extravaganza company is the organization which produced "The Crystal Slipper," so successfully last season, and it contains some of the most talented actors, actresses and dancers in the country. Among the prominent names in the company are Edwin Foy, Henry Norman, Arthur Dunn, Dan Hart, Charles A. Crawford, Harry McKisson, Louise Kessling, Ida Mullie, Fanny Bean, and Babetta Rodan.

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# IN THE SOCIAL WHIRL

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Ald Received and Still Desires for the Completion of the Work.

The African Methodist church, located on Fourth Street between Sixth and Seventh South, elected a new board of trustees last week.

The new board, elected on the 19th, has held its second meeting on the 19th. The trustees, who are Messrs. Wm. W. Taylor, J. H. Jones, and J. H. Jones, have passed the statement showing that the sum of \$1,074.80 had been paid to the trustees for the year ending June 30.

As the cost of the church is \$1,941.74, this leaves a balance of \$866.94 due the church. The trustees have also received a donation of \$100.00 from the National Co-operative Building and Investment association and \$50.00 from the church members.

The pastor and members of the church desire through THE HERALD to convey their hearty thanks to those who have generously assisted them in the completion of the building fund. We are not yet, however, beyond the time when pecuniary aid is required and we are still compelled to ask from our good friends in Zion.

Services are held every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

Secretary to Board of Trustees.

THE DESERT SAVINGS BANK.

The attention of those desiring to open savings accounts is called to the Desert Savings Bank, which allows interest on deposits at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum, compounded quarterly. Money to loan on approved real estate security. Its officers are as follows:

JOHN SHARP, President.  
Moses Thatcher, Vice-President.  
E. A. Smith, Cashier.

DIRECTORS.  
JOHN SHARP, J. R. BARNES, JOHN SHARP, D. H. PERRY, MOSES THATCHER, J. T. LITTLE, HENRY DUNWOOD, ELLIS A. SMITH, S. H. HILL, W. W. JENNINGS, J. C. CUTLER, F. W. JENNINGS, GEORGE ROMNEY.

"A little boy" says the Thomasville, Ga., Times Enterprise, recently wrote the following composition in his little moments: "One time I was sitting on my mother's lap and she was washing my feet, and he cried and wouldn't do so, he went and sat on the rail fence and the rail cracked and fell and cracked his head, and that is what he got for not obeying his mother."

A Mexican named Gomez made himself very popular and quite wealthy this summer by trundling a saloon on wheels among the sheep-shearing camps on the Texas plains.

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